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EXDIS FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DAVIES INVESTIGATION

1. I AM AWARE THAT YOU HAVE PERSONALLY FOLLOWED THE INVESTIGATION OF THE KILLING OF RODGER DAVIES SINCE YOUR ARRIVAL IN CYPRUS IN AUGUST 1974. YOUR MANY EFFORTS WITH THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE A SPEEDY AND THOROUGH INVESTIGATION HAVE SERVED TO KEEP CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES ON NOTICE THAT WE EXPECT EVERY AVENUE EXHAUSTED IN THE PROCESS OF BRINGING THE THE KILLERS TO JUSTICE.

2. IN VIEW OF THE LACK OF ANY RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE INVESTIGATION, I BELIEVE IT IS TIME FOR A RESTATEMENT OF OUR POSITION. CONSEQUENTLY, YOU SHOULD SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT MAKARIOS FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE DAVIES INVESTIGATION. YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE TO MAKARIOS MY PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS MATTER AND MAKE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POINTS IN YOUR DISCUSSION:

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---SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS ASKED THAT I REVIEW THE STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE KILLING OF AMBASSADOR DAVIES IN AUGUST 1974.

-- WE WERE ENCOURAGED BY THE ANNOUNCEMENT LAST MONTH THAT

YOUR GOVERNMENT IS PURSUING THE INVESTIGATION "IN ALL DIRECTIONS" AND WE WISH TO DETERMINE WHAT MORE CAN BE DONE TO BRING THOSE RESPONSIBLE TO JUSTICE.

-- A YEAR AND A HALF HAS PASSED SINCE AMBASSADOR DAVIES WAS KILLED. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION OF A CRIME THAT WAS COMMITTED AT A TIME OF GREAT DISRUPTION AND INSTABILITY IN CYPRUS, IT BECOMES INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT SOME INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS FIRING AT THE EMBASSY HAVE NOT, AT A MINIMUM, BEEN PROSECUTED FOR THOSE ACTS.

-- SECRETARY KISSINGER WISHES YOU TO KNOW THAT HE PERSONALLY ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE INVESTIGATION OF THE KILLING OF AMBASSADOR DAVIES AND THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO LEND ANY APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE.

3. YOU WILL, OF COURSE, WISH TO SUPPLEMENT THESE POINTS WITH ANY OTHERS YOU CONSIDER APPROPRIATE, SUCH AS ENUMERATING DISCREPANCIES IN INFORMATION ON THE INVESTIGATION WHICH HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS.

4. I WILL BE INTERESTED IN YOUR REPORT OF THE MEETING.

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